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A DAY IN WINTER

Wild Life Signs Seen Everywhere in Snow: Tracks of Deer and Fox.

BEAR LEAVES ITS DEN

Carrying Pack on Snowshoes Easy; Meals Quickly Prepared on Journey.

A day in the winter woods makes one teel how much wild life is close at hand if one can read the signs. Recently two Rod and Gun contributors, "Tamarack" and "Bill Crockett," spent two weeks on snowshoes in the Adirondacks, accompanied by Jim Sturges, guide, of Spec

weight at all. Make it firty pounds and the average man will carry it easily. Jim Sturkes has carried 110 pounds for a day, covering many miles when walking the pack basket and the start for the first camp is made, the three hight camp is made, the three hight camp is made. in from town to camp, without thinking he was performing an unusual stunt, findian guides in Maine and Canada frequently carry big loads on their backs held by a strap which goes across the forehead, but to carry packs in such a manner requires more or less experience

the pack basket saves one from losing of misplacing articles required on such a

ife. Just outside the camp there are giss of a snowshee rabbit. He has not taken alarm because the strides are reg-

numerous, however, at the settlements.
But the other tracks, beaver, otter, fisher or "black cat." martin or sable, and mink look more or less allke except to the trained observer. The fox makes on unmistakable track, particularly with the study tail skimming across the snow. But to men like Jim Sturges and "Tamarak" they read not only the signs of rack" they read not only the signs of the si

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WOODS GOOD SPORT

Making his own observations individually in silence. Finally one man comes back to the trail, lighting his pipe; the other one continues on. Later, he, too, likes back to the trail and the procession starts on.

"What was it?" sake the man who "A doe with a man autowing, but I first mistook the second track for a So did I." replied his companion.

"So did I." replied his companion.

Both men, making independent observations, come to the same conclusion.

The sun has thawed the snow somewhat and as you cross a lake it hardens
and cakes under the heel. The woodmen, as a matter of habit, merely wiggle
their heels from time to time and knock
it off; the newcomer to snowshoing stops
frequently to dig the ice from the caribou
strings.

Crossing the lake the snow shoes be coming wet seem now to weigh a dozen pounds, but on the light, cold snows of the woods the snowshoes lose the added weight and snowshoeing becomes a

Luncheon on the Ice.

A glance at the sun and an inclina-tion for food from your tummy sug-gests a halt. The guide selects a place near water, takes the axe from the pack

snowshoes in the Adirondacks, accompanied by Jim Sturges, guide, of Spectulator.

Beth "Tamarack" and Sturges are woodsmen, campers, angiers, hunters and outdoorsmen, and the way these men read the signs upon the winter's snow seems amazing if it were not so simple. There is from tweive to eighteen induces of snow in the Adirondacks, which will mean much water in the trout areams when it melts.

The three men on the midwinter hike lauled a sled and for a time carried their lack baskets are small at the mouth and wide at the bottom and their strength and capacity seems incredible. However, so closely that little rain enters, particularly if they are covered at the top.

Twenty-five pounds clung over one shoulder or held by hand would become a burden if carried any distance, but sing twenty-five pounds in a basket person both shoulders letting it rest on the hips, and you have practically no weight at all. Make it fifty pounds and the average man will carry it easily. Jim Sturges has carried 110 pounds for a pipe or two. The fire is put out, the snowshoes put on, luncheon utensils put in the pack basket are small and the average man will carry it easily. Jim Sturges has carried 110 pounds for a pipe or two. The fire is put out, the snowshoes put on, luncheon utensils put in the pack basket and tea, with a pipe or two. The fire is put out, the snowshoes put on, luncheon utensils put in the pack basket and the arche arche and the arche arche and the arche arche and the arche arche archem the pack basket and the arche archem the pack and the archem the pack arc

frequently carry big loads on their backs held by a strap which goes across the forehead, but to carry packs in such a manner requires more or less experience and innusual strength.

The soldier carries his kit in a long roll slung between the shoulders, and that is especially adapted to hiking with a kit that rolls up well, but in the Adirondacks or the big woods the pack basket is best suited because it is a carryall for things that cannot be rolled up.

Starting off with packs and snowshoes, to stop at noon in a desirable place and have a bite to eat means merely putting your hand into the pack and taking out what is needed without having to unpack or repack, and when night comes and a camp site is selected the pack basket saves one from losing or mispiacing articles required on such a strail. Tou have not come into the The afternoon proves as interesting

the pack basket saves one from losing of misplacing articles required on such a trip.

Wild Life Signs in Snow.

With pack basket and snowshoes the midwinter hiker starts off, and practically at the start there are signs of wild life. Just outside the camp there are signs of a snowshoe rabbit. He has not water and that site is passed up. water and that site is passed up.

and a half through, the imprint of your of potatoes. Water is boiling for the snowshoes in the snow will contain water coffee and the prines and apricots are if you round out a small hole. While ready. In a minute or two the toast drinking water from a cup is convenient, will be ready and the butter thawed

drinking water from a cup is convenient, sometimes it so happens that there is danger of breaking through the lee in similar streams, and lying flat on your fummy you surprise yourself that you lie in that position so long, doing so because the water tastes so good.

"I see you chased a deer that had come down to water," says Jim Sturges to "Tamarack."

"If I did he must have seen me first," the temperature hovering around zero." "Yes, I saw the long strides, but that Then follows washing the few disher

"Yes, I saw the long strides, but that deer must have been alarmed at something cles."

"May be, but that buck must have been alarmed at something," concludes Jim.

Both men call attention to the tracks that reveal to you the whole story now that reveal to you the whole story now that the woodsmen have pointed it out. One track is at a water hole, the next is a number of feet away as if the deer boiled in alarm, and as the tracks are followed they gradually show the normal walking track.

Then follows washing the few dishes and apply and pipe and apply to the first of the men take off their still hunting shoes and leave them hear enough to the first to dry but not to burn, put on moccasins, draw up the blank to broken only by the hoot of a great horned owl, sentinel for three tired but happy hikers, free from care and responsibility.

r, otter. "How big your nest, neighbor man,
r sable. How bountiful your fare,
except While small birds in the wind and snow

Are starving everywhere.

t pines.

It looks to me like a lynx following a fee for a non-resident bird license has light of the other.

Minnesota Rank March 5.—The March 12.

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T. N. Burket and Tarpon Taken on Plug BILL TO ABOLISH



THE LINCOLN, (NEB.), ANGLER CAUGHT THIS FISH IN CRYSTAL RIVER, FLA., ON JAN.13 CASTING WITH A FIVE FOOT ROD AND SILK LINE.

FLOUNDERS BITE

Out Millions in Local Salt Water Bays.

The remarkable open winter has resulted in flounders taking the angler's bait much earlier than usual. The little flat fish furnishes so much sport and amusement in the early spring months that to get boys and girls and men and women to cultivate the acquaintance of the flounder the Conservation Commission this month will put out millions of this specie in the waters of Jamaica. Flatlands and Great South bays.

As to the number of fish taken during the striped bass is next to bite, and for the benefit of those who have not tried the Hudson River Ladvise the following:

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"Cristle conference of the striped bass, writes to The Sun concerning the angler's bass schedule in nearby waters as follows:

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What the Tracks Tell.

You do not drink too much because it is so cold and you know that practically anywhere you can get a drink when you want it. Sometimes merely crossing a lake with ice a foot or a foot. The rice is hot and will take the place of relating the property of relating to the place of the relating to the relating to the place of the relating to the place of

Drake's, four miles from here, was followed to his boat by a common yellow house cat. He let the cat get into the boat and when he shot and killed a duck the cat jumped into the water and duck the cat jumped into the water and the cat jumped into the water and the string flight birds are the stock.

The spring flight birds are the stock which must be derived the annual

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—D. F., son, as well as a surplus to furnish the next year's breeders.

Washington, Secretary of Agriculture, has lasted an order permitting the shooting of bobolink, commonly known as reedbird or rice bird, from half an house.

Classified as Vermin

Conumnus, Ohio, March S.-It has been proposed that Ohio, Pennsylvania,

Time to Fish Now.

Making Sure of Observations.

One of the most interesting things about these woodsmen observers is how they stick to a track until they are definitively sure in their own minds what it is Suddenly the Indian file is stopped on the track throughout the balsants. Spudgenly the Indian file is stopped on the track throughout the balsants. Spudgenly the Indian file is stopped on the track throughout the balsants. Spudgenly the Indian file is stopped on the track throughout the balsants. Spudgenly the Indian file is stopped on the track throughout the balsants. Spudgenly the Indian file is stopped on the track throughout the balsants. Spudgenly the Indian file is stopped on the track throughout the balsants. Spudgenly the Indian file is stopped on the track throughout the balsants. Spudgenly the Indian file is stopped on the track throughout the balsants. Spudgenly the Indian file is stopped on the track throughout the balsants. Spudgenly the Indian file is stopped on the track throughout the balsants. Spudgenly the Indian file is stopped on the track throughout the balsants.

STRIPED BASS BITE EARLY THIS YEAR IN HUDSON APRIL 10

Conservation Commission Puts Time Schedule for Augling as the Fish Comes Down River to Jersey Coast.

COMES UP CHEERFULLY BEST BAITS AND HOOKS

Wild Fowl, Says Biologist.

Washington, March s.—The American Forestry Association is urging the planting of trees as a memorial for soldiers and sailors who died in the world's war. The Lincoin Highway Association and the Jefferson Highway has colation and the Jefferson Highway in Louisiana have adopted the idea. Many country churches are planting such memorial trees.

Washington, D. C. March s.—Migratory birds which have survived the fall hunting season and have successfully withstood the winter months should be allowed to pass in peace to their breeding grounds in the rpring, say officials of the biological survey. United States go to college, but entered the employ of the Howe scale works at Bulland. He was born in New Hampshire. He graduated from Phillips Exetpr. He fitted for Harvard, but love of family churches are planting such memorial to Agriculture, in a state-time of the same and the need of the State's people and then ead of the State's people and then ead, "What of Mr. Titcomb?"

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Sary steps in the because in the problem is should refrain from hunting at this season, not only from a sense to the construction and development of the construction and development of hatcheries for some years. During this time he stadied fish conditions.

Wisconsin Asks to Kill Skunks. Madison, Wis., March 8 .- Sportsmen New York and Canada protect the lake sturgeon for a three years' period. New twelve months' open season on skunks York and Canada already have protective legislation on the subject.

31 1-2 Lb. Albacore Wins Button.

TITCOMB'S OFFICE

Assemblyman Feron's Measure Would Deprive Hatcheries of Executive Head.

POLITICS PLAYS PART

Sportsmen throughout New York State are not slow to recognize the fact that there has been a great improvement in conditions in the protection of fish and game and that laws are more vigorously enforced than they were a few years back. This change is due to the fact that New York has in its Conservation Commission such irreproachable men as Commissioner Pratt and Fish Culturist

heart and direct to the core faithful to their duty and obligation to the interests of their bromers of rod and gun.
It would be hard to find the duplicate of such men to supervise the great fis and game interests in this State, for both are without political blemish and Their sole object is concerted effort

o provide the vast aggregate of sports en the best that can be obtained and Sincere endeavor to give a square I to all interested, especially the man deal to all interested, especially the man with the rod and gun as preferential to the whims of the political wire puller. When Gov. Whitman was casting about him for the best man he could find to take hold of the duties of fish culturist, a position which at that time was no easy one to fill. Commissioner Pratt called his executive attention to John W. Titcomb of Vermont and the problem was definitely settled. John W. Titcomb left the good work he was doing in Vermont to tackle the tougher propound kingfish and many smaller fish on Titeomb left the good work he was doing in Vermont to tackle the tougher proposition, that of fish culturest in New

Put Vermont on Fish and Game

Sportsmen who knew his record and what he had done for Vermont congratulated themselves to know that a real live wire of worthwhile experience who understood his business was coming to New York. What New York sportamen acclaimed with Joy Vermonters lamented.

acclaimed with joy Vermonters lamented, for Titcomb had put Vermont on the map as the one big sporting State is the East, outdistancing Maine and keeping New York in seventh position.

Through his efforts be had increased the productivity of fin. fur and feathers in Vermont to such proportion that the value of the fish catch represented in round figures more than \$225,000 in a single year. The value of deer killed at beef prices, \$60,000; of fur bearing animals, \$150,000, and of woodcock, duck and grouse shot at \$40,000. This in a State that a decade ago was near depleted. How was it done?

John W. Titcomb took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves and fought inch

rolled up his sleeves and fought inch by inch every man who opposed his ideas until he won over his antagonists to understanding and lasting friendship by his sound common sense and proved knowledge of what was best and must be done to conserve fish and rame for the people.

Pish are now taken in certain lakes in Vermont at the rate of \$80 pounds a

week and in one lake of 1,200 acres six tons of trout and salmon were taken "Scarboro-on-the-Hudson for stripers April 10; best balt, bloodworms and a No. 2-0 Sproat or Carlisle, on four or six ply spell attack."

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convincing evidence of the worth of the man Titcomb. Consider his achieve-ments, his knowledge of the game and

existence of wild fowl.

The spring flight birds are the stock from which must be derived the annual crop harvested in the fall gunning season, as well as a surplus to furnish the next year's breeders.

During this time he studied fish conditions all over the United States. No man knows fish and cultural conditions of water better than he. In 1891 Vermont sought his services as Game Commissioner. He held this job for eleven was and made friends. years and made friends.

walking track.

By and by you become accustomed to the tracks and because of their size they are easily recognized. So, too, grow the rabbit tracks, these being more numerous, however, at the settlements.

But the other tracks, beaver, ofter.

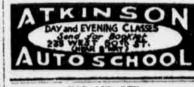
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The famous "PRISCILIA," now equipped a first class steel fishing party boat, will daily to fishing banks from Sheepshead Watch this column for further an-

turist and Commissioner of Fisheries and Game in Vermont in 1910, where, up to the time he severed his interests to enter a bigger and more needful field in New York

ood angiers of New York State this ques-tion: "Must Titromb go?" You can an-swer it, sportsmen, through Gev. Smith, Lieut.-Gov. Walker, Speaker Sweet, George D. Pratt and your own Senator and Assemblyman. Will you do it?

BEST SAILFISHING IN YEARS AT LONG KEY Anglers Averaging Eight a Day at Florida Resort.

Long Key, Fla., March S .- Long Key Long Key, Fla., March S.—Long Key is experiencing the best satisfishing in many years is the view of James L. Jordan, who is familiar with Fierida fishing, usually spending the winter and spring here.

Jordan says the average daily catch to date has been about eight fish a day, although one day recently nineteen ealighth were brought in.

For the remainder of the season Jordan will guide Mr. and Mrs. Fernan Conill, and during this time nine thread

pound kingfish and many smaller fish on nine thread line. So far this season the Contils have landed two sailfish and

three thirty-five pound kingash on nine three threy-nee point kingish on mine thread line.

Jordan says that nine thread line is gradually becoming popular with many angiers and is a big step forward in the conservation of game fish.

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Tarnton, N. J., March S.—The New Jersey Fish and Game Connervation Lessue and the State Fish and Game Connervation Lessue and Less

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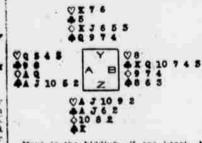
Still Persistent

masters.

Last week THE SUN gave a hand in which this system of leading trumps immediately upon getting in, just because there were nine between the two hands, should have cost the player 757 points, in spite of the fact that he had a good plain suit to defend.

Here is an illustration from the same games, the duplicate matches at the Knickerbocker, in which only one player in the room, S. S. Lenz, went game on

in the room, S. S. Lenz, went game on the play, although the hand went the rounds of nine tables.



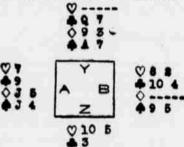
Here is the bidding; Z one heart, A a spade, Y two hearts, B two spades and Z three hearts. Now A and Y pass, and B says four clubs, hoping to brace his and A passes. A could not make even two by cards in spades, against good

A led the club and Z won the queen with the acc. Now every table seems with the ace. Now every table seems to have ruffed dummy with a club and made dummy lead the small spade. This A wins and at once leads a small

dummy discarded a spade. Now Z is left with an established diamond suit and two trumps to defend it, while A's sult is not yet established, and he has only one small trump left. Hoping to save this little trump A left the acc of spades and then the lack. so as to put dummy in. But dummy did not get in. Y played the aine and Z trumped. After pulling A's trump Z led the diamond, making four by cards.

PROBLEMS FOR SUN READERS.

Bridge problem No. 522, by E. Converse Pierce, presented another situation requiring careful analysis to disent solutions. Here is the distribution;



There are no trumps and Z leads, Y and Z went five tricks.

The first and simpler solution is for Z to lead the eight of diamonds. A slars the jack, and B discards a small pade. A has a small pade. plays the jack, and B discards a small boubling, as it name implies, doubles spade. A has now five lines of defence.

1. If A leads a diamond Z wins, and calue in them is Redunding doubles. B's discard settles matters at once.

tricks in the red suits

3. If A leads the smaller spade Y plays the acc and leads a diamond. The discard kills Hs band.

4. If A leads the club Y wins and leads to the discard.

5. If A leads the beart Y discards the spade seven. H plays small and Z wins with the ten A spade lead to Y and the return of a diamond to Z ruins Hs hand.

By hand.

B's hand.

The second solution is for Z to start strength of the two suits in high cardwith the two of thearts, and which Y discards the nine of diamonds. The dence of spades then goes to Y's acc.

The rest depends on A's play,

If A has kept the jack of spades Y makes the club trick and then puts A in with the losing spade, so that Z shall make two diamond tricks.

V. P. W. all missed the diamond open-

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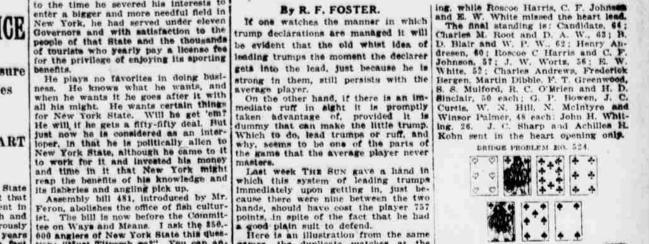
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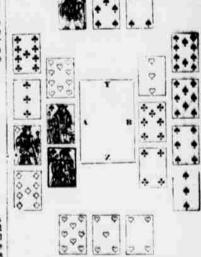
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By R. F. FOSTER.

If one watches the manner in which trump declarations are managed it will be evident that the old whist idea of leading trumps the moment the declarer gets into the lead, just because he is





Z want four tricks.
CHECKER ENDINGS.
Problem No. 522 presented a most in This A wins and at once leads a small trump, which Z wins with the nine, making dummy's high trump on the third club, A discarding the queen of diamonds.

The student will find that if Y puts up the king of trumps and leads another it is too late. In spite of any the spite of a that solve, the first two moves of white being interchangeable:
White. Black. White. Black.
25-22 17-21 26-30 25-25
26-30 15-19 20-26 29-25
20-26 21-25 26-31 W. Wins Problem No. 521 seems to have given

and five or ... S21. Err. By H. D. Lyman, Black.



Black to play and win

Auction Bridge-W. C. D. says Hearts are trumps and on the last trick but one A leads a spade. Dummy discards. It plays the fack of spades, and Z trumps with the thirteenth trump, draws in the trick, but before turning it down leads the queen of spades. It claims this a revoke. The declarer says it is not established, as the trick was not turned down, willough he drew it toward him.

Leading or playing to the next trick establishes the revoke, regardless of the trick being furned or not.

value is then 18. Redoubling doubles If A leads spade jack Y makes (wo this again, as they are no longer worth spades and a club, while Z gets two to her is and makes them worth \$6.

in with the lowing spade, so that Z shall make two diamond tricks.

If A has given up the spade Jack Y leads the trey of diamonds, which Z wins. H's discard on this trick determines Z's next lead, H winning the last trick of all.

This innocent looking problem, with only six cards, settled the runner-up prize in favor of "Candidate." Only three solvers out of thirty-eight get both solutions. These were Candidate, Charles M. Root and D. A. W. Of the leaders H. D. Blair, Henry Andresen and W. P. W. all missed the diamond open.

There is not much chance of cateloing a stopper with only two of the suit if the declarer holds off you block your partner, whether the stopper held off for only one round or for two. In the meantime, by opening some other suit which you know nothing about, you probably kill your partner's only reentry for the hearts. The ace of hearts is the right opening with less than four cards; some writers advise

P. F. B. says: Playing two hand, A melds 40 and calls out. B bets he must take trick to make that held The mich taken before the meld was

made made it rood, and if it to enough? to go game it wins.